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Construction of the Gould Academy Field House 1940-41. Photo courtesy of Allan Fraser.

GOULD ACADEMY'S FARNSWORTH HOUSE FIFTY YEARS OLD

Fifty years ago this fall Gould Academy's Farnsworth House was dedicated. It was officially presented to the Academy by long-time trustee Ellery C. Park, who headed the Buildings and Ground Committee. Paul C. Thurston, Board vice president, accepted the building on the Academy's behalf. It was made possible by the Trustees of the Trust for Charitable and Educational Purposes created by William Bingham II and officially presented to the Academy in a ceremony on October 16, 1941. Master of Ceremonies for the event was Elwood F. Ireland, Gould Headmaster; a dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. Herbert T. Wallace of the West Parish Congregational Church.

Featured speaker for the dedication was sports writer Bill Cunningham of the *Boston Herald*, who stressed the importance of discipline, loyalty, determination, strength and spirit of team play learned on the athletic field to American youth. Citing the current world situation (October 1941), he focused on the importance of facilities such as these in preparing students for the hard challenges ahead.

The building was named for George Bourne Farnsworth, M.D., president of the Gould Board of Trustees. Born in

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Jane W. Hosterman, Society president, accepts a check for \$20,000 from Kenneth Ramage, personal representative of the estate of Marion Hall. Mrs. Hall made the bequest in her will and the Society's trustees have established the Ralph S. and Marion Hall Special Projects Fund.

SOCIETY RECEIVES \$20,000 BEQUEST

Under the will of the late Marion F. Hall of Bethel, a life member who died in 1990, the Society received \$20,000, the largest bequest in the organization's twenty-five year history. Mrs. Hall's husband, Ralph, also a life member, who died in 1989, was a charter member of the organization. Mr. Hall also generously donated a large number of photographs taken during the past thirty years of Bethel scenes and events including a large number of fires.

During a fall meeting of the Society's Board of Trustees, it was voted to set this bequest up as a memorial fund honoring Ralph and Marion Hall and use only the interest generated to fund special projects of the Society. It will be named the Ralph S. and Marion F. Hall Special Projects Fund. Each year the Trustees will select a project (or projects) for the Fund's interest income to support.

"This bequest is a major addition to the Society's endowed funds, and it is highly appropriate that it was received during the organization's 25th anniversary," observed Society president Jane Hosterman. "It will fund projects in the future important to the Society's mission and serve as a continuing memorial to a respected Bethel couple," she added.

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Boston in 1880, he was the son of George B. and Marian True Farnsworth. He graduated from Bowdoin College in 1903 and Harvard Medical School in 1907. Following graduation from medical school, he worked in Boston hospitals and visited leading European clinics. He moved to Cleveland to teach medicine and served on the faculty of Western Reserve University until 1930. He served in World War I, where he commanded Battery B of the 322nd Field Artillery. An avid yachtsman, Dr. Farnsworth made his home at Christmas Cove, Maine. During the 1930s, Dr. Farnsworth was associated with William Bingham II as director of his philanthropies. Elected a trustee of Gould Academy in 1930, he was elevated to the presidency of that board in 1937. He was president of the Bingham Associates Fund at the time of the dedication.

The architect for the building was Randolph Evans of New York and the builders were Barr and Lane, Inc., also of New York. It consisted of a field house, locker rooms, courts, exercise room, and medical facilities.

This was an outstanding facility in 1941 and continues to be a highly visible landmark on the Gould campus.

REFLECTIONS OF A HALF CENTURY
(continued from the last issue)
by Leslie E. Davis

During the years 1930 through 1931 and 1932, business was very active and I kept buying small or large wood lots as they were for sale, and if the lots seemed to be a good buy. In doing this, of course, I had to borrow a lot of money and I remember quite distinctly of one evening at home in going over my accounts and obligations and discovering that I had to earn about \$10 per day to pay my interest and taxes before I could keep any to buy groceries for the family and myself.

This was a sobering discovery at a time when day wages were about \$3.50 to \$4 per nine hour day. The answer to a situation like this seemed to be to produce and sell more wood and lumber products.

It was about the year 1931 that I bought the first planer that I ever had and started doing some local retail business. This planer was an old Colladay 4 side moulder that had been rebuilt into fair running condition with babbit bearings. It was pretty slow but it did fairly good work on sheathing, siding and 4 side finish, and it was a start in the finishing business. After using it about a year I had it rebuilt again by changing the bearings to ball bearings and this about doubled its former capacity.

During the next few years we gradually added other machinery and did more and more retail business. I believe that it was in 1932 that I bought from H.I. Bean the small stock of building material which he carried in some sheds on land leased from Mrs. Elizabeth Griffin on Main Street (the old Leander Barker homestead) (Editor's note: now Mother's Restaurant). I continued to lease this property for about two years, but the location and facilities were very unsuited to that type of business, so I made a deal with Earl Davis to let us build a larger and better facility on the rear of his lot at the corner of Elm and High

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Through the years, the Society has been the beneficiary of a number of bequests which have included artifacts as well as cash. In several cases funds have been transferred to the Society to honor the memory of an individual and/or families who have been important in Bethel's past played a significant role in the Society.



In 1986, Ralph Hall was honored as the town's oldest citizen by receiving the Boston Post Cane presented here by Society member and Selectmen chair Arlan Jodrey. Looking on is Hall's wife Marlon and then Town Manager, Rodney Lynch, also a Society member. Mr. Hall died in 1989 and his wife in 1990. Long members of the Society, Ralph and Marlon Hall were generous donors through the years as well.

streets in Bethel Village. Our retail business had increased by this time so that I kept a man (Charles Merrill) at the retail shed full time to look after it. During the year 1932 business was fairly good locally but not too good outside. It was in November of 1932 that Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected to the Presidency of the United States and immediately following his inauguration the following March in 1933 all business was brought to a standstill by the nation-wide closing of practically all banks in the United States.

That morning in March stands out in my memory very clearly. The news came in over the radio that morning and everyone knew it, and at that time we were sawing spool squares for the E.L. Tebbetts Spool Company at Locke Mills at the little birch mill we had built on the Chandler Hill Road.

We had a crew of about 12 men and they all showed up for work as usual. We sat around and discussed the situation and I told them that I didn't know whether I would be able to get hold of any money to pay them or not as we didn't know whether the Bethel Bank would open or not and everyone's bank account (if they had one) was frozen until their bank was permitted to open again for business.

The crew got together and decided that they would like to keep working whether they got paid or not for awhile

and they voluntarily cut their own pay fifty cents a day each to help me keep going.

It makes a man feel mighty good inside to have a crew like that.

The E.L. Tebbetts Spool Company had been in bad financial condition for several months on account of poor management and the closing of banks brought the matter to a head; they went into receivership and were closed for awhile.

We didn't saw any more squares for them as they were owing me over \$6000 and their accounts were all tied up.

I was able to sell the balance of our season's sawing output of squares to the J.P. Skillings Company at a cut price, but with the cut in cost which the crew voluntarily took, it worked out all right for us both. The account with the Tebbetts Company was tied up over ten years and when they sold out to Ekco Company we creditors got one half of the amount of our account with no interest.

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SOCIETY HOLDS 26th ANNUAL MEETING

More than eighty members and friends of the Society gathered at the Society's headquarters, the Dr. Moses Mason House for the 26th annual meeting. Following a pot luck supper coordinated by the Special Projects Committee headed by Persis Post, president Jane Hosterman read a list of members who had died since the last annual meeting and called for a moment of silence in their honor. The president reported that the Society had gained 61 new members since the last annual meeting bringing membership to over 900 for the first time in the Society's history. These members live in 34 states, 4 Canadian provinces, the United Kingdom and Austria. President Hosterman welcomed the United Kingdom member Cynthia Cox, who arrived in time for the annual meeting.

Mrs. Hosterman announced that the Society had received a large number of additions to its collections in the past year, including two dresses worn in 1833 by Agnes Straw Mason (1793-1869), wife of Dr. Mason. She thanked all members and volunteers who had made this year such a success, including the Society's annual special events, Homecoming Day, Heritage Day, Christmas with the Masons, Faye Taylor Memorial Art Show, Dr. Moses Mason Birthday Party and despite the rain again this year Sudbury Canada Days. She reviewed some of the special highlights of the year: a number of gatherings at Society headquarters including McBean, Kimball, and Mason families, the Oxford County League of Historical Societies, and the

EDITOR'S CORNER

In listing the new life members in the last issue on page 6, it should read William D. and Madeleine Hall Dampier not Quimby. We regret the error. Mrs. Dampier's sister Wilma Hall Quimby was also listed in the same column so that may account for the confusion.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

During the summer, the Society lost one of its most valued members, Agnes Haines. Just before her short illness, the trustees voted to elevate her to Honorary membership. Following her death some of her friends and relatives contributed funds to create the Agnes H. Haines Memorial Fund in her memory, the interest from which will be used to acquire research materials. As genealogy was one of her many interests, some future acquisitions might be in that category or in local history. She spent much time researching genealogical queries from people throughout the country in search of their roots. She helped the Society in so many ways from craft demonstrations to creating indexes of local histories. Her keen mind and wide interests made her a delightful companion. She was long on patience and perseverance, and thoroughly dedicated to the work of the Society. In many cases her contributions will be used and enjoyed for generations. She is sorely missed.

Jane W. Hosterman

Maine Humanities Council; the awarding of the Dr. Moses Mason Award to Matt O'Meara for his essay on local history; the outstanding performance by the fifth grade in presenting a pageant on Bethel's history to the Society's May meeting; the loss of the giant oak planted in Dr. Mason's day. The biggest project of the year, according to the president, was the production of the illustrated history of Bethel by Society Curator of Collections Randall H. Bennett.

President Hosterman presented four honorary memberships voted by the Board of Trustees. Honorary membership, the Society's highest membership honor, is voted to those members at least seventy-five years of age who possess an outstanding record of service to the organization. Honored were Frederick McMillin, also a life member, who has assisted the Society in countless ways, doing minor repairs, patrolling the Dr. Moses Mason House in the absence of the regular staff, serving on the Building Committee, and being a donor to the Endowment Fund; Norris Brown, also a life member, for cooking the beans at Sudbury Canada Days for the past twelve years, serving on the Nominating Committee, helping wife Barb with her various volunteer projects, and being a generous donor of artifacts to the Society, including the summer house in the back yard; Donald B. Eddy, also a life member, who served as a trustee, as longtime head of the Building Committee, as a guide in the museum and a generous donor to the Endowment Fund; Agnes Haines, charter and life member, who unfortunately died prior to the Annual Meeting, longtime indexer and researcher, craft demonstrator, Museum Committee member, museum guide and contributor to the Endowment Fund. Mrs. Hosterman congratulated all the new Honorary Members and expressed the Society's appreciation for their many years of service.

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SOCIETY SALES DEPARTMENT

The Society maintains a selection of modestly priced gifts and historical publications. These may be ordered at the prices listed below. Maine residents should include 6% sales tax. Orders under \$10 should include \$1 for postage and handling; those over \$10 but under \$20 should include \$2 and all those over \$20 should include \$3 for postage and handling.

Moses Mason House Tile \$3.50
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"Bethel's Broad Street" 75¢
"The Family Farm" 75¢
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1880 Map of Bethel Hill \$2
1880 Map of Entire Town (Bethel) \$2
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R. Crosby, I WAS A SUMMER BOARDER \$5
A TRUTHFUL LIKENESS: CHESTER HARDING AND HIS PORTRAITS \$25
Paula Wight, NEWRY PROFILES \$5
Eva Bean, EAST BETHEL ROAD \$50
R.H. Bennett, OXFORD COUNTY, MAINE \$18
William B. Lapham, HISTORY OF BETHEL, 1768-1890 \$45
F.W. Kilbourne, CHRONICLES OF THE WHITE MOUNTAINS \$20

T-Shirts

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Moses Mason Museum (Child's) (4-6-8-10-12-14) \$6
Sudbury Canada 1768-1796 (Adult) (S,M,L,XL) \$7
Sudbury Canada 1768-1796 (Child's) (4-6-8-10-12-14) \$6

Post Cards: Dr. Mason, Agnes Mason,

Moses Mason House 10¢ ea.
Bethel Historical Society Calendar, 1991 \$7

Members of the Bethel Historical Society are entitled to a 10% discount for purchases totaling \$10 or more. Please send orders to the Society at P.O. Box 12, Bethel, Maine 04217. They will be sent by return mail.

(Annual Meeting, continued from page 3)

A report from the Nominating Committee was read by Frank Vogt, chairman. Serving on the committee with him were retiring trustee Mary C. Keniston and Arlene Lowell who with Vogt represented the general membership. Submitted for consideration were the following names: Jane Hosterman, president; Charles Raymond, vice-president; Walter Hatch, secretary and clerk of the trustees; Rebecca P. Kendall, treasurer; Margaret Joy Tibbetts, trustee for three years. This slate was approved without dissent.

Following the Nominating Committee report, Society Director Stanley R. Howe presented a slide show highlighting the Society's twenty five years from the early days with Eva Bean to the 1990s. President Jane Hosterman detailed the Society's progress from 1966 to the present.

The 1991 Marjorie MacArthur Noll Volunteer Service Award was presented to Helen A. Morton, an honorary member, who chaired the Program Committee for several years, served on the Endowment Campaign and Art committees and as a trustee (1980-83), and has been a faithful museum guide every Sunday since 1975 during the museum season. For many years, she has organized Society art shows, generously contributed to the endowment, and been an eager volunteer in numerous Society activities. The Noll Award was created in 1987 to honor an outstanding volunteer by friends and relatives of Mrs. Noll.

Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr., Director of the Maine Historical Preservation Commission, closed the evening with a delightful slide lecture titled "The Palace in the Woods: The New England Summer Hotels of John Calvin Stevens."

TRUSTEE PROFILE

John Bayerlein was born in New York City in 1947, the youngest son of William and Madeline Bayerlein. He was educated in local schools, graduating from the City University of New York. Upon graduation he joined the New York Times Company and in 1967 married Susan Wagner. He is the father of two daughters. He later moved to Belle Mead, NJ where he continued his career through various newspaper finance positions. He married his second wife, Mary Beth Cameron in 1985 after purchasing the former Perkins house on Mason Street, Bethel, from Keith Durgin. Together they operate the Cameron House and are active in the community.

Mr. Bayerlein currently serves as chairman of the Society's Program Committee and has been active on the Long Range Planning Committee. He was elected as a trustee at the 1990 annual meeting.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Gabrielle Howe, Rockville, MD
Jean Post Lamphear, Riverwoods, IL
Leslie H. and Elizabeth A. Smith, Bethel
Albert Taylor, Cumberland Center

PHOTOS OF 1874 BETHEL CENTENNIAL UNCOVERED

By Randall H. Bennett

Thanks to the generosity of Society member Allan Fraser, the Bethel Historical Society's pictorial archives now contains copies of several rare nineteenth century stereo views taken at the time of the town's centenary of settlement in 1874. A generous contributor to the Society's illustrated history project (the Atlantic & St. Lawrence Railroad stock certificate reproduced on page 61 of the new work is one of his most recent gifts), Mr. Fraser loaned the original photos which have been copied by Society member Donald S. Brown.

Three of the 1874 photos are reproduced for the first time in this edition of the *Courier*. The view at top shows the Chapman House hotel, later called "The Elms," which once stood at the top of Mill Hill, not far from the site of the Bethel Inn. Particularly interesting in this photo are the banners reading "Sudbury Canada 1773" and "Bethel 1796" draped across the railing of the hotel's second story porch. A large wooden shield, the hotel's sign atop a tall pole (far right), and a young girl on her horse near the Common's southern end also appear in this intriguing view. The Chapman House later became part of the Prospect Hotel, but was razed in 1911.

The middle view depicts the south end of Broad Street, and represents the earliest known likeness of this portion of Bethel Hill village. Most importantly, the photo shows, at center, the home of Dr. Nathaniel Tuckerman True, Bethel's first historian and a notable Gould Academy principal. It was on the spacious ground of Dr. True's home that the official ceremonies for Bethel's 1874 centenary were held. Other houses which appear in the photo (note the elaborate wooden fencing which surrounded most village homes at this time) include (left to right) the former Tuell house on the corner of Broad Street and Paradise Road, the "Delinda" (now razed; the former home of Miss Mary True), a portion of another house on the site of the present Chadbourne residence, the William Frye house (with twelve-over-twelve-paned sash in its windows), and the Richard Frye house. The Gehring Clinic/NTL Institute Conference Center, built in 1896, now occupies the site of Dr. True's home, which was lost to fire.

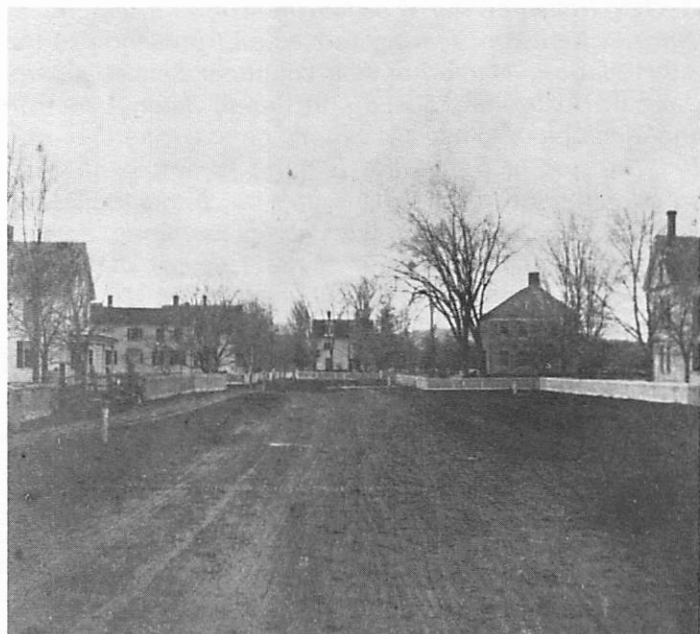
The bottom photograph shows the Broad Street side of the Chandler House hotel, built in 1861-63 at the Common's south end. Later known as the Bethel House (the second hotel in the town to carry this name), the large wooden hostelry burned to the ground in 1911. Like the Chapman House, the Chandler/Bethel House was festooned with flags and bunting at the time of the 1874 celebration; some of these decorations appear above the heads of the well-dressed crowd gathered on its east-facing porch.

The Society is indebted to Allan Fraser for sharing these most interesting Bethel views with readers of the *Courier*.

IN MEMORIAM

Died, 31 August 1991, Agnes H. Haines, Charter, Life and Honorary Member.

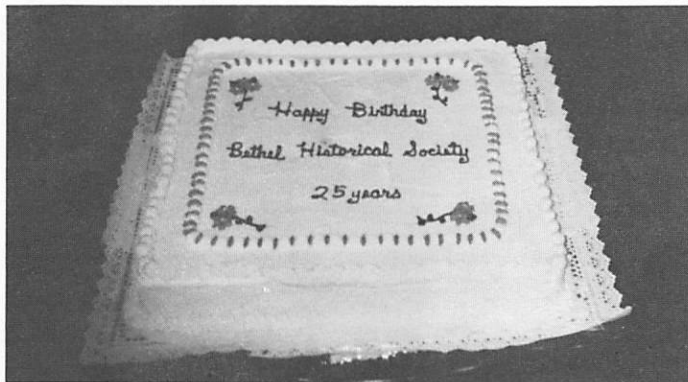
Died, 14 September 1991, Roy Silver, Life Member





CELEBRATING SOCIETY'S 25th ANNIVERSARY

Pictured above from left to right are: Frederick McMillin, new honorary member; Rebecca Kendall, newly elected Society treasurer; Norris Brown, new honorary member; Mary C. Kenlston, retiring trustee and presenter of the 1991 Marjorie MacArthur Noll Volunteer Service Award; Jane W. Hosterman, Society president; Helen A. Morton (holding bowl) Noll Award winner; Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr., Director of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission (featured speaker); Walter Hatch, Society secretary and clerk of the trustees; Charles Raymond, Society vice president. In her remarks, Mrs. Hosterman detailed the Society's progress in 25 years, from 18 charter members to more than 900, an endowment of more than \$350,000, the ownership of the Dr. Moses Mason House with a large collection, a staff of three and more than 100 volunteers, plus an active publications, events, and educational program.



The 25th anniversary of the Society's founding was observed officially at the annual meeting with a birthday cake made by Society member Diane Howe.

BOOK REVIEW

THE FOUNDING OF PEARSONTOWN (STANDISH), MAINE by Albert J. Sears. 240 pp., illus., folding map, index, paper. \$18.50; EARLY FAMILIES OF LIMINGTON, MAINE by Robert L. Taylor. 438 pp., map, index, paper. \$27.50. Both available from Heritage Books, 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Suite 300, Bowie, Maryland 20716 (include \$3.00 for shipping per order).

The Bethel Historical Society's library collection is particularly rich in Maine town histories and in published genealogies of many northern New England families. Two of the most recent additions to the collection in the Society's Eva Bean Research Room are newly issued works by Heritage Books of Bowie, Maryland, already well-known for its many quality reprints of long out-of-print volumes in these subject areas. Both THE FOUNDING OF PEARSONTOWN (STANDISH), MAINE and the EARLY FAMILIES OF LIMINGTON, MAINE represent important studies of two southwestern Maine communities whose patterns of settlement and development parallel those which have taken place in and around Bethel. It is also significant to note that one of Sudbury Canada's pioneer families, the Yorks, came from Standish to the upper Androscoggin River valley previous to the memorable Indian Raid of 1781.

Published under the auspices of the Standish Historical Society, Albert J. Sears' FOUNDING OF PEARSONTOWN originated many years ago when Sears, a genealogist who died in 1983, discovered among the collections of the Maine Historical Society a series of rough, hand-written notes by Dr. Albion K. P. Meserve relating to the early history and families of Standish. Sears used these notes as a foundation, adding much more as newly-discovered sources came to light. The result, published here for the first time, is a detailed history which begins in 1750 with

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Fred Burk of Sunday River Tree Service (left) braces the oak following its planting on the grounds of the Dr. Moses Mason House. Looking on are from left to right Katherine Bennett, Margaret Joy Tibbetts, chair of the Board of Trustees as well as the Society's Garden and Grounds Committee, and Donald Bennett, former Society president, who with his wife Kathy donated the twenty-five year old oak. This tree replaces the historic tree that had to be removed earlier this year and was planted in honor of the Society's 25 years of existence.



Agnes H. Haines

MEMBER PROFILE

Agnes H. Haines was born in East Bethel, March 20, 1915, the daughter of John H. and Edith K. Howe. She attended the East Bethel School and graduated from Gould Academy in 1934. In 1937, she married James K. Haines and they had four children. He died in 1956 and she died on 31 August 1991.

A charter, life and honorary member of the Society, she was one of the most devoted workers for the organization since its founding in 1966. An avid historical researcher, she also served as a guide in the museum, as a craft demonstrator at various Society events, and as an indexer

for many years. In the latter capacity, for example, she will be long remembered for her indexes to more than a dozen local histories. She also played a major role in the compilation of the second edition of Eva Bean's *EAST BETHEL ROAD* and the Society's cemetery book.

Mrs. Haines was very active in the community, particularly in the Bethel Senior Citizens, the Middle Intervale Meeting House Society, East Bethel Church, and Alder River Grange #145. She also served several years as a 4-H Club leader.

In light of her many contributions to the Society, the trustees have established the Agnes H. Haines Memorial Fund in her honor. Contributions have been received from several friends and relatives to the Fund and only the interest will be used to acquire research materials for use in the Society's Eva Bean Research Room. Anyone wishing to contribute to this fund should send it to the Society and designate their tax deductible gift in memory of Mrs. Haines.



Richard Kahn, M.D. of the Maine Society for the History of Medicine presented a paper on Jeremia Barker, M.D. (1752-1835) and medicine in Cumberland County, Maine 1772-1820 at the Dr. Moses Mason House Meeting Room on October 5. The fall conference was held in Bethel. Earlier in the afternoon Society Director Stanley R. Howe presented a paper on Dr. Moses Mason (1789-1866) and medicine in early Bethel.

Join the Bethel Historical Society dedicated to preserving and interpreting the local past.

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the granting of land comprising the town now known as Standish to veterans of King George's War (the fifth of the French and Indian Wars). The township of 39,000 acres included Frye's Island and the greater part of the neck of land now known as Raymond Cape, which was annexed to the town of Raymond in 1869.

Standish was originally named "Pearsonstown" after Captain Moses Pearson, who led a company of soldiers to victory at the siege of Louisburg. Including much about neighboring towns, the history continues through the early nineteenth century, covering such topics as the original survey, drawing of lots and list of grantees and the numerical designation of the rights drawn by them, construction of the fort and meetinghouse, short biographies of individual settlers there between 1757 and 1800, notices of settlers from New Hampshire and Massachusetts, accounts of ministers, the town's involvement in the Revolutionary War, the Congregational and other church societies, schools, incorporation of the town, and much more. For anyone interested in the early history of Standish or the towns in its immediate area, this book is a must.

Twenty-five years in the making, Robert L. Taylor's *EARLY FAMILIES OF LIMINGTON, MAINE* is a highly detailed and voluminous study that represents a major new source of information on many southern Maine families. Originally called "Little Ossipee," Limington was part of the "Ossipee Tract" purchased by Francis Small in 1668 from local Indians. As early as 1771, the Small heirs, then living in Scarboro and Cape Elizabeth, Maine, were taking an active

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interest in their ancestral lands and laid plans for its settlement and development. Many Smalls, and a great number of their neighbors in both towns, moved to Limington. By the time of the 1790 census, the new town had one hundred and fifteen settlers.

Presently the Director of the Androscoggin Historical Society in Auburn, Robert Taylor has utilized a wide variety of sources in compiling a great wealth of genealogical data. Among these have been town and family records, published genealogies, manuscripts, cemetery inscriptions, census records, newspaper obituaries and death notices, and school district polls. Descendants to the third or fourth generation are given for most families, and an index that includes female names cross-referenced by their maiden **and** married names concludes the work. A separate record of deaths in Limington, covering the years 1816-1841 and 1843-1845, is also included. Researchers tracing Limington families will surely want to consult this volume before delving into other records.

Randall H. Bennett
Curator of Collections

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